

(c) and (d) Balasore-Baripada-Jharpokharia section of National Highway-5 passing through Mayurbhanj District in Orissa at present is a double lane road. Development of National Highways is a continuous process, which is undertaken based on traffic volume, *inter-se* priority and availability of fund. At present, there is no proposal to upgrade or widen this section.

(e) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Four new sites for nuclear generation

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether state owned Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd., the nodal agency for harnessing nuclear power in the country is working on setting up of an additional nuclear generation capacity between 6000 to 10000 MW electricity on the four new sites sanctioned by Government;

(b) whether the four new sites are Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, by when the work on these projects is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The Government accorded in-principle clearance for four sites for setting up additional nuclear power plants. These sites are Kudankulam-Tamil Nadu, Kakrapar-Gujarat, Rawatbhata-Rajasthan (existing sites) and Jaitapur-Maharashtra (new site). The sites cleared are for a cumulative capacity addition of 6,800 MWe. Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited has taken up pre-project activities.

(c) Commencement of work on these projects is planned in the XI Plan (2007-12).